

Unresolved Total Coliform

DRINKING WATER NOTICE Tests Show Presence of Coliform Bacteria in Water

Harmony Township routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took five samples during July 2013. All of those samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may do so.

WHAT THIS MEANS

This is not an emergency. Total coliform bacteria themselves are generally not harmful. **Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.**

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution systems.

You may drink the water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

Steps We Are Taking.

- We are chlorinating and flushing the water system.
- We are cleaning and disinfecting the storage tank.

We will inform you when additional samples show no coliform bacteria. We anticipate resolving the problem within 30 days. For more information, please contact Kelley Smith of the Harmony Recreation Area Snack Bar at 908-213-1600 or 3003 Belvidere Road, Phillipsburg, NJ.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Harmony Recreation Area Snack Bar.
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